

Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
10 a.m.-noon
Conference Call

Note: Advisory committee members in the Boise area are welcome to join ICFL staff members in the Table Rock Conference Room

Meeting Purpose: To improve services for those requiring reading alternatives

Desired Outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

1. Recommend new title for TBS newsletter
2. Receive updates
3. Schedule 2010 meetings

Meeting Leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator: Stephanie Bailey-White

Recorder: Tina Schilling

AGENDA

Meeting set-up: introductions, meeting purpose, desired outcomes, roles, agenda review, ground rules, decision making, welcome Jeanne Farnworth, new member	Stephanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Agree	10 min.
Newsletter title	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify• Select	25 min.
Digital transition update	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	20 min.
Outreach update	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	20 min.
Member updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share	20 min.
2010 meetings	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List• Agree	15 min.
Next steps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List• Assign tasks	5 min.
Meeting Review	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List	5 min.

Present: Barbara Nolan, Donna Denney, Dorothy Ogden, Jeanne Farnworth, Mary Ellen Halverson, Nancy Wise, Sue Niewenhous, Judy Mooney, Laurel Day, Loretta Paine, Pam Bradshaw, Terri King, Sue Walker (meeting leader), Stephanie Bailey-White (facilitator), Tina Schilling (Recorder)

Newsletter Title:

Additional title suggestions made by Mary Ellen:

- Readers Notes
- Reading Connections
- Seasons: then what ever season it is.

Jeanne thinks the title should be reflective of the service

Dorothy suggested that we add an I or Idaho in front TBS Connections

Jeanne suggested that TBS be spelled out so people would know what TBS stands for.

Titles to be voted on are:

Connections

Reader's Notes

Reading Connections

Seasons:

Idaho Alternate Reads

Consensus was Connections with a sub-title to explain the title

Digital Transition Update:

Sue Walker: We are receiving a120 players a month. 20% of them are advanced players. As of the middle of the December we have distributed almost 300 players. We have sent a player to every veteran that has requested one. Books are coming in better as some of the glitches have been worked out with NLS. Large percentage of digital titles available through BARD are not available in cartridge format.

2100 titles were downloaded in November compared to the 700 titles from the previous month. Shelia will be downloading books in BARD to add to our collection.

One person called to say how much he loved his new player and would stand on a mountain and sing its praises.

Player sound quality is excellent. Can down load books 24/7.

Laurel: Patrons are so excited.

Loretta: We are moving to the next list of people waiting for players. Some people have had issues with downloading.

Judy: Patrons love the design of the players.

Terri: Patrons are very excited about the new players.

Currently have 1200 people on the digital player waiting list. Veterans have the first right of refusal.

Outreach Update:

Judy: Civic Center in Nampa, Health Fair in Caldwell

Loretta: School of the Deaf and Blind in Gooding, Coeur D'Alene, New Plymouth

Terri: Coeur d'Alene with Loretta to attend the Optometrics Conference. Also visited the Hayden Library and did a digital player demo. Also went to the Spirit Lake branch of Kootenai Shoshone Library District

Laurel: Went with Judy to the Civic Center in Nampa , to Midvale for the Lions Club Health Fair, and Treasure Valley Resource and Career Fair.

Sue: Went to the Magic Valley Health fair in Twin Falls, partnered with the Blind Commission.

If you are aware of any health fairs in your communities let us know and we can try to attend. One of our volunteers has connected with Meals on Wheels.

We have placed players in public libraries, making it easier for patrons to get replacement players. We have had some glitches in the past but are doing better.

Member Updates:

Sue Walker: Working on a very attractive postcard to send out to users who are not currently digital player users. Lots of information on the ICFL website for users

Nancy Wise: Working on Federal Reports which are due at the end of December. Low Vision clinic will begin again in January. Served 628 people for over 50 plus in FY2009

Mary Ellen Halverson: 2009 was Louis Braille 100 yr birthday. Shared information about the commemorative coin this year

Judy Mooney: Have signed up more Braille users the last two months that ever before

Barbara Nolan: Had a chance to see one of the digital players but not the opportunity to see it work. Working on the Braille embosser at the library. Was at an optometrist office and they were happy to have information to put out.

Dorothy Ogden: Students are really excited about the digital players. Problems with downloads taking hours instead of minutes. Was suggested that perhaps there might be issues with a firewall causing the slower downloads.

Jeanne Farnworth: Nothing to update... but eager to work with partners.

Sue Niewenhous: Anticipating budget cuts.

Donna Denny: Continue to get information out through the Newsletter.

MaryEllen's son is a Idaho author and he donated a book for us to record.

Working with the Oregon State Library on recording some northwest books.

2010 Meetings:

First Wednesday of the month. Have the conference call meeting in December.

In person meetings are 4 hrs. Teleconference are 2 hrs.

Next Steps:

Next meeting in March at ICFL.

Sue will present Post Card.

Mary Ellen will bring Braille coin.

Sue would like to review three year planning document.

Meeting Review:

Plus:

Ahead of schedule

Appreciate individuals identifying themselves when speaking

Good advanced planning on Newsletter titles

Reached consensus on new newsletter title

Appreciated Stephanie Bailey White as facilitator

Delta:

Difficulty hearing everyone.

Prefer not to have the rain.

Heidi and Cheryl couldn't join the meeting.